

DT02 Rec'd PCT/PTO 0 4 MAR 2005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re United States Patent Application of:

Applicant(s): Wilfried Weitzer

Application No.: 10/520,038

Int'l Filing Date: 18 June 2003

Priority Date: 2 July 2002(Austrian Patent  
Application No. A 985/2002)

Title: PANEL ELEMENT AND  
CONNECTING SYSTEM FOR  
PANEL ELEMENTS

) Docket No.: 4121-174

) Examiner: Unassigned

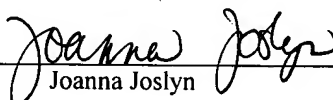
) Art Unit: Unassigned

) Customer No.:

23448

FIRST CLASS MAIL CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I am mailing the attached documents to the  
Commissioner for Patents on the date specified, in an envelope addressed  
to the Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-  
1450, and First Class Mailed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.8.

  
Joanna Joslyn

March 1, 2005  
Date of Mailing

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

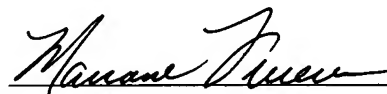
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the  
reference(s) listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A. One copy of each reference is attached. It is  
respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this  
application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited"  
on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date  
OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is  
required.

- ☐ 2. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance.
- ☐ a. I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1).
- ☐ b. I hereby certify that no item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2).
- ☐ c. Attached is our check no. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). Please credit or debit Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ as needed to ensure consideration of the disclosed information. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.
- ☐ 3. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee. Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered. Attached is our check no. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). Please credit or debit Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ as needed to ensure consideration of the disclosed information. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.
- ☐ a. I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1).
- ☐ b. I hereby certify that no item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2).

Respectfully submitted,



Marianne Fuierer

Reg. No. 39,983

Attorney for Applicant

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY/  
TECHNOLOGY LAW  
Telephone: (919) 419-9350  
Fax: (919) 419-9354  
Attorney Ref: 4121-174

## Sheet 1 of 1

MAR 04 2005

STATEMENT  
SIGNICANT

**Q1PE**

**MAR 04 2005**

**REGISTERED TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number

10/520,038

Filing Date

December 29, 2004

First Named Inventor

WEITZER, Wilfried

Art Unit

Unassigned

Examiner Name

Unassigned

Attorney Docket Number

4121-174

Examiner  
Initials\*Cite  
No.

Foreign Patent Document

Publication Date  
MM-DD-YYYY

Name of Patentee or Applicant  
of Cited Document

Translation  
YES | NO<sup>1</sup>

AA

DE 202 03 311

06-13-2002

Hoffman, et al.

X

AB

WO 00/47841

08-17-2000

Martensson, Goran

X

AC

WO 01/02670 A1

01-11-2001

Hannig, et al.

X

AD

WO 02/31291 A1

04-18-2002

Georges, et al.

---

Examiner  
signature

Date  
Considered

<sup>1</sup> All the foreign patents and publications that are not written in English language are accompanied by their respective English abstracts, which constitute concise explanation of relevance of the non-English patents and publications that satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i), according to MPEP 609 III A(3).